12: Collinson--252 (1851-53) 1889 Copper Eskimo
116, 291, 146

"Great temptations were offered them to bring us venison or fish, but they evidently had it not to spare. Their [T. M: Belonging to a group of natives visiting aboard the Enterprise] clothes, which were remarkably good, they were very desirous to dispose of, taking any old suit of ours eagerly in exchange. A fine healthy ruddy appearance, however, showed there was no lack of food, and they afforded a strong contrast to our people, on whom the second winter and severe season, together with long exposure to candlelight, had given quite sallow complexions."

12: Collinson--284-285 (1851-53) 1889 Copper Eskimo

116, 226, 412, 146, 261

"Fish appeared to be the staple article of food, which both the sea and the lakes afforded in abundance; they are caught with copper hooks, or speared through holes in the ice, or from stone piers, built for that purpose. In the autumn the fine healthy colour of the men, women, and children showed they were well fed, [285] and contrasted strongly with our people; but in the spring I thought we had the advantage. Our biscuit was eaten as a curiosity, but neither it nor the salt meat relished; the preserved meat was, however, taken readily. A quantity of deers' excrement was collected, and is I believe had recourse to in times of scarcity as an article of food; but such did not seem to be the case this season, as we were never importuned for food; and my anxiety was relieved lest, in their desire to possess our knives, &c., they might have deprived themselves of sufficient subsistence till the spring. They may be considered as entirely a carnivorous race, and for the most part consuming their food raw. A favourite morsel is the yellow top-knot of the king drake, which they were usually permitted to bite off on paying us a visit. Water, although acceptable during the winter, is consumed sparingly. Tobacco and spirits they are so far fortunate as to be yet unacquainted with."